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FOR HUNT FROM KONTOS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: WATCH STATION MANNING LEVELS  
REF. SINAI 1598

1. THIS IS PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO REFTEL. SFM VIEWS ON  
THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF STAFFING WATCH STATIONS AND  
CENTRALIZING OF READOUT SYSTEM ARE BEING CAREFULLY REVIEWED.  
HOWEVER, IT IS WORTH EMPHASIZING THAT NO MOVE REPEAT NO  
MOVE WAS INTENDED UNTIL THOROUGH TESTING OF PROPOSED SYSTEM  
CONDUCTED OVER SIGNIFICANT TIME PHASE.

2. SPECIFICALLY, OUR PLANS ARE TO INSTALL CENTRALIZED  
READOUT IN JAN./FEB. AFTER RELAY EQUIPMENT MODIFICATION  
NOW UNDERWAY IS COMPLETED; KEEPING PRESENT WATCH STATION  
STAFFING INTACT WHILE TESTING NEW SYSTEM OVER NEXT FEW  
MONTHS.

3. I AGREE THAT MORALE AND SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD  
BE GIVEN DUE WEIGHT AND THESE IN END MAY WELL BE PERSUASIVE,  
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BUT THESE FACTORS SHOULD BE ASSESSED SEPARATELY FROM AN  
OPERATOR'S ROLE WHOSE DUTIES WOULD SOMEWHAT CHANGE UNDER  
THE PROPOSAL WE ARE CONSIDERING. WHAT WE SEEK IN THE END  
IS AN OPTIMUM WAY OF FULFILLING OUR MISSION THAT IS  
ARRIVED AT IN AS OBJECTIVE AND REALISTIC A MANNER AS  
POSSIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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